

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the detailed remarks and analysis contained in the Office Action. New claims 19-23 are added above. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) based upon the *Savino* reference. That document does not disclose or inherently include updating status information as recited in claim 1, a tracking module as recited in claim 7 or a fifth instruction module as recited in claim 18. All information associated with the bar code of the *Savino* reference is described as being provided by a customer and no one else. For example, column 4, lines 21-23 and 45-47 state that, “purchase and shipping information is only entered by the customer in order to ensure reliability of order information.” As the customer is the only one who enters information into the system for generating the bar code, there is no possible updating of that information as claimed. Once the customer places the order in the *Savino* reference and the bar code is generated, input of information linked to that bar code stops. There is no updating of information and no tracking module for providing such updates.

Additionally, there is nothing in the *Savino* reference that describes or suggests automatically facilitating payments as recited in claim 4. Nothing in the *Savino* reference constitutes a billing module as recited in claim 16. Nothing in the *Savino* reference includes using remotely located devices for status information as recited in claims 6 and 14. Additionally, there is no mention of a shipper or carrier in the *Savino* reference that

has any connection with the bar code of that reference. Accordingly, claim 15 and all of the new claims are not anticipated.

Applicant has carefully reviewed the entire reference as suggested by the Examiner and respectfully submits that there is no anticipation. Each of the claims includes at least one element that cannot be found within the teachings of the *Savino* reference. Accordingly, there is no anticipation.

Applicant respectfully submits that this case is in condition for allowance. A minor correction to Figure 4 is made on the enclosed proposed change to Figure 4 in which the direction of one of the arrows has been reversed. The changes are indicated in red on the enclosed copy of Figure 4. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been entered and asks for the Examiner's approval of the proposed change. Upon receipt of a Notice of Allowance, Applicant will provide a corrected formal Figure 4.

Applicant believes that additional fees in the amount of \$54.00 are required for three additional claims in excess of twenty. A check in the amount of \$54.00 is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

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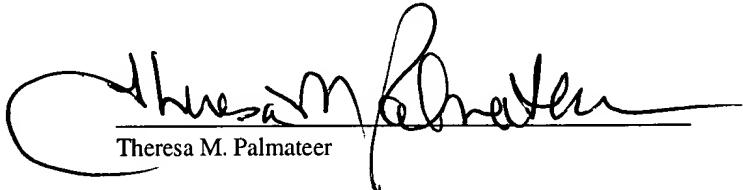
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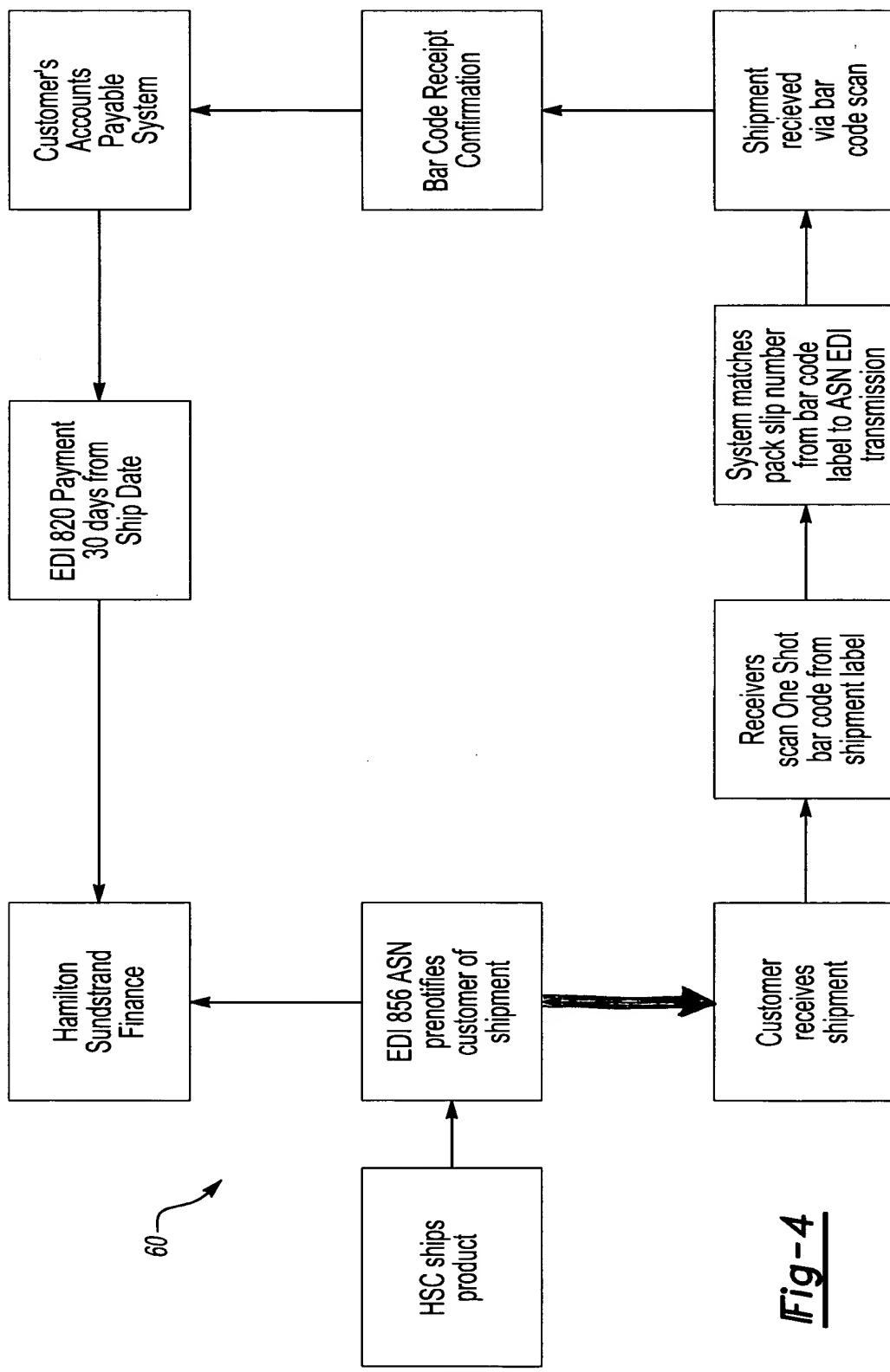


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